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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-27 and 36 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

39. (New) A method of building a file for installing software at a remote computer, the method comprising:

placing the software in the file; and

placing, at a location within the file so as to be automatically executed responsive to execution of the file, instructions for installing the software on the remote computer.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 further comprising:

combining the file with a digital signature of the file into a digitally-signed file.

41. (New) The method of claim 39 further comprising:

appending a digital signature of the file to the file.